In so far as Science Education in the Schools is concerned, the NCERT has informed that there is an inbuilt mechanism to periodically revise and update the curriculum, syllabus and text books of science developed by the NCERT for schools.

(c) and (d) The UGC provides grants to such colleges which have been included under Section 2(f) and 12(B) of UGC Act, 1956 for purchase of laboratory equipment required in the laboratories of the colleges under College Development Scheme.

During the 9th Plan period, UGC, under the scheme of one time grant to universities/colleges for upgradation of libraries and laboratories, has also provided a grant of Rs. 7.0 lakh each to those eligible colleges which were established before 1950 and between 1951—1955 and were receiving developmental assistance from the UGC during the 9th Plan period. This grant was given for purchase of books & journals in the library, laboratory equipment directly related to UG and PG courses and equipment related to teaching aids, which would help in improving the level of teaching.

Night schools for working adults

2590. SHRI RANGANATH MISRA:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of night schools functioning in Rajasthan, during the last five years;

(b) how many of them are still running;

(c) whether it is a fact that the night schools programme to educate working adults has taken a back seat; and

(d) whether Government plan to revive the programme by introducing some vocational courses for Rajasthan and for the entire country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) and (b) As per information furnished by the Rajasthan State Government, details of the night schools functioning during 1998-99 to 2002-2003 under the Shiksha Karmi Board, Lok Jumbish Parishad and Rajasthan Council for Primary Education, for the age group 6—14, are enclosed as Statement. (*See* below).

(c) The National Literacy Mission is not implementing any night schools programme for adults.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement

Night School functioning in Rajasthan during 1998-99 to 2002-2003 under SKB, LJP and RCPE for the age group 6—14

Programme	Years				
	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Shiksha Karmi Board, Rajasthan, Jaipur	4,829	7,107	3,976	3,153	3,153
Lok Jumbish Parishad, Jaipur	2,072	1,613	1,535	1,243	1,236
Rajasthan Council for Primary Education, Jaipur	—	—	—	40	471
Total	6,901	8,720	5,511	4,436	4,860

Cold drinking water in KVs

†2591. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.